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TECHNIQUE FOR BLOOD VESSEL IMAGING

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated April 5, 2006, be extended for three months to and including October 5, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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